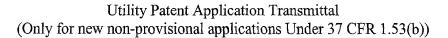
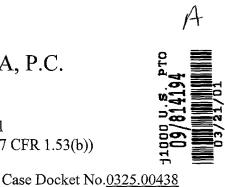


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Washington, D. C. 20231 Date: March 21, 2001 Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application of: Inventor(s): Edward L. Grivna and Michael F. Maas APPARATUS AND PROTOCOL FOR EXCEPTION PROPAGATION IN SERIAL For: TRANSPORT BLOCK CODED INTERFACE Enclosed are:  $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ Specification (21 pages); Claims (6 pages); Abstract (1 page) 1. 2.  $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ <u>4</u> sheets of drawings. Oath or Declaration 3. X Total Pages \_ 2\_ a. <u>X</u> Newly executed (original or copy) Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Item 5 completed) Copy of Revocation of Previous Power Incorporation By Reference (usable if Item 3b is checked) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Item 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. 5. If a Continuing Application, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment: Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application no.: 6.  $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ An assignment to CYPRESS SEMICONDUCTOR CORP. along with PTO form 1595. 7. A PTO Form 1449 with a copy of the references not previously cited. 8. Return Receipt Postcard X

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